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1. Under the agreement with the Syrian Army by which revival of the Liberation Army was to be based, the Syrian Army was to turn over to Fawzi Qawuqji all its "surplus" equipment ~~an~~ an amount equivalent to what the Syrian Army would use, were it continuing the war in Palestine itself.
 2. Source believes, however, that the Syrian Army would turn over only inferior materials and would keep for itself the bulk of the weapons arriving from Italy and Belgium. According to source, the officers of the Syrian Army take personal pride in the equipment of their units and, despite higher echelon agreements, hold onto it as if it belonged to them personally.
 3. Qawuqji has stated that his offer to take over responsibility for continuance of the Palestine war was based on his understanding that adequate materials would be forthcoming from the Syrian Army. He has said that if he does not get the necessary equipment, he will "take his case to the people" and explain why he cannot continue under present circumstances.

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